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## NEW FLARE-UP IN BANDOENG

BATAVIA, NOV. 30.—WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY HAD COMPLETELY OCCUPIED SOURA BAYA, INDIAN TROOPS IN JAVA TO DAY WENT INTO ACTION IN BOTH BANDOENG AND BATAVIA. GURKHAS WITH TANK SUPPORT WENT FORWARD TO CLEAR THE NATION ALIST TROOPS FROM PREPARING DEFENCES IN THE FACTORY DISTRICT IN NORTH BANDOENG, WHERE THE INDONESIANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GOT DANGEROUSLY OUT OF HAND.

The Governor of West Java has lost control over his city, which is about 100 miles south east of Batavia, but he is trying to conciliate with the commander of the 37th Brigade.

In the capital, a street fight has erupted at the Padala Road, opposite the Padala Road, which clashed with Indonesians in the German district on the outskirts of Batavia. The British and American troops had to be called in to end the fracas.

## ANOTHER STEAMER HITS MINE

ANOTHER STEAMER LAST NIGHT STRUCK A MINE IN THE CANTON RIVER, BUT SCANTY DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE UP TO 2 A.M. THIS MORNING.

It seems clear, however, that the steamer was not severely damaged as to imperil the ship, or seriously disable her, though casualties appear to have occurred from the explosion.

The vessel concerned was the Cheung Ming, en route to Canton.

News of the mishap was received through Macao which passed on a message and passed it on to Hong Kong.

Received here at approximately 10 p.m. it merely detailed the facts that the Cheung Ming had struck a mine in the vicinity of the Becca Tiers Forts, that "some casualties" had occurred, and that the Cheung Ming was returning to Hong Kong.

Up to 2 a.m. the Cheung Ming had not reached Hong Kong, and ambulance stations were awaiting further instructions before taking action in connection with the mishap.

## Hump Trips Cancelled

Washington, Nov. 30.—The War Department stated to-day that the ferrying of American planes to Shanghai has ended because of bad weather which had caused the loss of several planes and crews.

The War Department spokesman had nothing to add to General Wedemeyer's statement that the planes were being collected in Shanghai where the Chinese could buy them if they wished.

About the loss of men, the spokesman said: "All Army air forces' installations are operating on peace-time flying safety, which do not permit the taking of unnecessary risks because of adverse weather conditions over the loss which has resulted in the loss of several planes and their crews."—Associated Press.

### "TIMES" SUGGESTION

London, Nov. 30.—The present drift towards civil war in China can be checked by the preliminary agreement not to resort to force in the future, which would impose a "standstill" upon both sides and improve the prospects of a political settlement, suggests "The Times" in a leading article to-day.—Reuters.

### SHOULD BE TRIED

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 29.—Maj.-Gen. Claire Chennault, former American air commander in China, declined to say that the career diplomats, who were accused by ex-Ambassador Hurley of undermining American policy in China should be tried in civil courts.—Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Truman reported the nation's reconstruction to peace-time a head of schedule. The President emphasized that the peace will be in the interest of the peace, however, and inflationary pressures will be kept to a minimum.—Associated Press.

## HURLEY EXPLOSION MAY STIR UP MUD

(By Spencer Moosa)

CHUNGKING, NOV. 30.—FOREIGN AND CHINESE QUARTERS HERE EXPECT INTERESTING DISCLOSURES TO FOLLOW IF AN INVESTIGATION IS MADE INTO ACTIVITIES OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE "PURGE" OF THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE WHICH FOLLOWED MAJ.-GEN. PATRICK J. HURLEY'S ASSUMPTION OF THE AMBASSADORSHIP.

ALTHOUGH HURLEY, IN HIS RESIGNATION STATEMENT, MENTIONED NO NAMES, THE PERSONS HE HAD IN MIND ARE GENERALLY KNOWN IN CHUNGKING, WHERE THEY ONCE WERE FAMILIAR FIGURES IN THIS SHANTYTOWN'S DIPLOMATIC AND SOCIAL LIFE.

An investigation, observers said, would inevitably draw in others outside the erstwhile United States Embassy staff.

The general opinion here is that when Hurley came to Chungking, the U.S. Embassy was divided not into Communist and anti-Communist camps, but between those who saw hope in the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang Party and those who thought the Chinese people might get a better deal under the Chinese Communist Party, led by Mao Tse-tung.

The second group had the support of some of the foreigners outside the Embassy, and it is whispered here that if their activities were disclosed they might throw the spotlight on some queer episodes in Chungking life during the war.

GERMAN WOMAN WHISPER There are whispers of German woman who acted as a sort of courier between the Communists and their foreign "contacts."

She is alleged to have been friendly with several members of the "bloc" which Hurley evidently had in mind.

There are persons, too, who believe that some of the broadcasts blared from Yanan, the Communists' capital in Shensi, were conceived and written here in Chungking by sympathetic foreigners—not members of the U.S. Embassy staff. The "misguided" policy of the United States in China was sometimes taken as the theme.

Hurley's resignation statement and the reaction which followed in the United States have formed the principal topic of discussions in diplomatic, press and other quarters in Chungking for two days.

LION-HEARTED EFFORTS The Chinese Government made the statement to the Soviet Government, saying it would find itself in an extremely difficult position if Soviet troops were withdrawn by the date fixed.

The Chinese broadcast said it had been planned for the withdrawal of troops to take place by December 12.—Associated Press.

ADVANCE HOOTED

Chungking, Nov. 30.—Chinese press dispatches reported to-day that central government troops had halted their fighting advance toward Mukden because the Russians were reported to have agreed to their later peaceful entry into the industrially rich Manchurian city.

Dispatches said the Nationalists were mopping up Chinese Communist resistance in the area between Shantung, the Great Wall gateway to Manchuria, and Kuanming, a rail junction 90 miles below Mukden.—Associated Press.

Hurley made gargantuan efforts to bring the Nationalists and Communists together so that the country's full weight might be thrown against Japan, and the prospect of a unified peaceful post-war China followed briefly.

How far his efforts were "sabotaged" or how far they were a result of fundamental and insoluble differences between the two parties are considered in Chungking to be imponderables.

Observers, however, say there might have been a greater chance of success if the Communists had not been misled by some other foreign admirers to overestimate the support they would have abroad, especially in the United States, in even of a showdown with Chungking.—Associated Press.

## Inside Dope

Washington, Nov. 30.—Chairman Connally of the Foreign Affairs Committee said to-day that Major-General Hurley is being asked to appear on Wednesday to tell about events which led to his resignation as U.S. Ambassador to China.—Associated Press.

## Foreign Banks Problems In Shanghai

Shanghai, Nov. 30.—Lack of a fixed rate for foreign exchange constituted the chief reason for the prolonged delay in the re-opening of foreign banks in Shanghai, declared Mr. Pan Shih-chieh, Chief Secretary of the Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Finance, in an interview here.

He expressed the belief that as soon as a justifiable rate between Chinese National Dollars and foreign currencies was reached, foreign banks would resume operations.

Mr. Pan revealed that a number of informal discussions had been held between Chinese financial authorities and foreign bankers regarding early resumption of foreign banking.

In all probability, foreign banks would be invited to join as members of the Chinese Bankers' Association and the Chinese Banking and Clearing House in Shanghai, as member banks.

This invitation, he asserted, would doubtless help foreign banks to operate on the same basis as Chinese banks.—Reuters.

## Hurley's Case To Be Aired

WASHINGTON, NOV. 29.—ARMED WITH BROAD POWERS, GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL SPED HIS PREPARATIONS TO DAY FOR A QUICK FLIGHT TO CHINA WHILE THE EXPLOSIVE RESIGNATION OF HIS AMBASSADOR, PATRICK HURLEY, HEADED FOR AN AIRING IN CONGRESS.

Chairman Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he plans to call Hurley and Secretary of State Byrnes before a closed session perhaps Monday. The purpose, Connally said, will be for an informal discussion of Hurley's contention that he was "crossed up" as Ambassador to China by subordinates in the State Department and in Chungking.

Connally stressed that he had no intention of ordering any such full-dress hearing as Senator Wherry, Nebraska Republican, demanded in a biting speech yesterday in the Senate. It appeared Marshall would get away for Chungking shortly.—Associated Press.

## COMMUNISTS DON'T PRAISE HURLEY

Chungking, Nov. 30.—The Communist paper, "New China Daily News" to-day called for a change in American policy in China. It said that the resignation of General Hurley offered a "golden opportunity".

The newspaper vowed the presence of more than 50,000 U.S. Marines in North China as an "indelible disgrace imposed on the American people" by Hurley.—Associated Press.

## Diet Sticks To Emperor System

TOKYO, NOV. 30.—JAPAN'S PREMIER AND ONE OF THE LEADING RECONSTRUCTION POLITICISTS HAVE AGREED THAT THE EMPEROR SYSTEM SHOULD BE PERPETUATED UNDER JAPAN'S E-STYLE DEMOCRACY DURING UNPRECEDENTED DISCUSSION ON THE FOREMAY TAKED SUBJECT.

THE DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTED A LISTLESS, LONG-WINED CONTINUATION OF INTERPELLATIONS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ichiro Hatoyama, leader of the "Liberal" party, won mild applause when he declared "The Emperor system must be retained" as a bulwark against "possible dictators."

His statement came during interpellation whereto Hatoyama demanded to know the limits of the government's contemplated democratization.

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## DIRECT U.S. AIR SERVICE TO H.K.

SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 30.—DIRECT AIR SERVICE FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE PHILIPPINES, CHINA, HONG KONG AND OTHER POINTS IN ASIA WILL BE RESUMED BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, POSSIBLY SOONER, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID SURVEYS JUST COMPLETED INDICATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ALMOST IMMEDIATE INAUGURATION OF SERVICE AS FAR AS SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.

The Trans-Pacific service will continue through Midway, Wake, Guam and Manila to Hong Kong.

From Hong Kong Pan American will connect with China National Airways corporation for service to the north and to the interior of China.

Another service is planned direct from Manila to Shanghai and a third from Manila to Canton, Bangkok and Calcutta.

A direct flight will be instituted from Manila to Singapore, with an eventual shuttle connection to Batavia.

Pan American still is hopeful of obtaining a permit to fly the great circle route from Seattle across the Aleutians to Tokyo, Mukden, Peiping and Shanghai.

Pre-war service to Australia and New Zealand also is slated for early resumption.—Associated Press.

## Victoria's Grandson Arrested

NUERNBERG, NOV. 30.—THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNMENT AT COBURG HAS ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF KARL EDWARD, DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GRANDSON OF BRITAIN'S QUEEN VICTORIA.

The Duke was president of the German Red Cross and held a general's rank in the Nazi storm troops.

The Duke used the British-born Karl Edward as a showpiece to demonstrate how German aristocracy favoured the Nazi regime.

The Duke was 61 years old. Duke had been confiscated. Because of attacks of gout, the Duke has been placed under hospital guard.

He has been regarded as one of the richest men in Germany. He speaks German with a slight English accent. His family connections include many European bluebloods.—Associated Press.

## New Statement On India Imminent

LONDON, NOV. 30.—LORD PETHICK LAWRENCE'S STATEMENT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S INDIAN POLICY WILL BE MADE FAIRLY SHORTLY, POSSIBLY NEXT WEEK, MR. HERBERT MORRISON TOLD THE COMMONS YESTERDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE STATEMENT WILL PROBABLY CONTAIN A BROAD RE-STATEMENT OF WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID ALREADY.

The Secretary of State for India will repeat that the Labour Government's goal is to obey implicitly the orders of the Indian people.

Political observers within the Indian Government, however, must await the election results before taking any steps.

For some time it has become evident from a number of reported Congress speeches and writings that the Quit India, Quit Asia, slogan, that faith in the bone side of the British Government's intentions has been rapidly wavering in India, and belief has grown that His Majesty's Government's India policy is no different from that of the last Tory government.

Members of Parliament and English sympathizers with India have said as much at India meetings in London.

Political observers in London have been somewhat surprised by reports from India that Congress thinks "resort to force" may be the only solution to the India freedom problem.

THE PERPLEXING SPEECHES The recent speeches of the Pandit Nehru, favouring an end to British rule in India, have been somewhat surprising to the Indian public. They have no office in the government and want to get in. It has been said before, the main difference between the Chinese Communists and the Indian Communists is that the Indian Communists are not so much Indian as they are.

## FRATERNISERS UPSET PEERS

TOKYO, NOV. 30.—YOUTHFUL JAPANESE WERE CRITICISED IN THE HOUSE OF PEERS YESTERDAY FOR FRATERNIZATION WITH AMERICA.

Kohicho Nagao introduced the subject during interpellation on government affairs with the remark: "Although it is a good idea to mix and learn things, the way girls and boys are conducting themselves now is not the way to win respect."

He evidently referred to the arm-in-arm "follies" of soldiers and Japanese girls, which is a sharp departure from the usual stilted Japanese behaviour in public.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)  
C. A. A. MEDICAL BRANCH

## NOTICE

The Public is reminded of the necessity for boiling fresh milk before consumption as the pasteurizing plants are not yet in operation.

New milk may carry various types of infection and the fact that the milk is in bottles should not be regarded as a guarantee of its safety.

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## NOTICE

Tramcar service on the Causeway Bay-Shaukiwan route will now be extended from Ming Yuen, King's Road, as far as Tai Kok Dockyard.

As from Monday, 3rd December, regular service will be operated from Tai Kok (Port, West Gate) to Western Market.

W. F. SIMMONS,  
Acting General Manager.

1st December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

POLICE AND PRISONS  
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PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT  
LICENCE

All places of pub'l enterainment require to be licensed.

Places of public entertainment are defined in Ordinance No. 22 of 1919 as amended by Government Notification No. 587 of 1934. The definition includes theatres, cinema halls, skating rinks and similar undertakings.

Application for licence must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.

C. H. SANSON,  
Col. C.A. (Police)

Hong Kong,  
26th November, 1945.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

One lot Sundry Articles will be sold by Public Auction on Friday, 2nd December, 1945, commencing 2 p.m. at premises of undesignated (604, Nathan Road, 1st Floor). Inspection will be open to the public at 1 p.m. on the same day and at the same premises.

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Auctioneers.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

LEGAL BRANCH

In re: Custodian Proclamation  
No. 10 of 1945  
SALE BY TENDER (X 58)

The Acting Custodian of Property is prepared to accept bids in writing for the undenominated merchandise now lying in the premises of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. Ltd., 20 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

Inspection may be made on application to Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. Ltd. between 9 and 10 o'clock each morning of the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th December, 1945.

Bids may be made for all or any of Lots 1 to 8.

Bids, in sealed covers, should be deposited with the Chairman, Tenders Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs H.Q., C.S.O. Building (Ground Floor) on or before noon 6th December, 1945.

The Acting Custodian does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

Acting Custodian of Property Victoria, 30th November, 1945.

Merchandise above referred to:

Lot No. 1: 39 pairs Men's Slippers  
22 pairs Men's Shoes  
1620 pairs Rubber Shoes  
390 pairs Ladies' Socks

Lot No. 2: 1300 pairs Ladies' Cotton Stockings (white)  
1420 pairs Ladies' Cotton Stockings (Black)  
450 pairs Ladies' Art. Silk Stockings

750 pairs Ladies' Art. Silk Socks

Lot No. 3: 3140 pairs Men's Art. Silk Socks (assorted colours)  
2020 pairs Men's Cotton Socks (Black)

620 pieces Men's Neck Ties

Lot No. 4: 395 pieces Shirts (Khaki)  
121 sets Men's Art. Silk Pyjamas

Lot No. 5: 150 pieces Men's Cotton Singlets  
1025 pieces Men's Cotton Vests

120 pieces Men's Cotton Sports Shirts (Assorted Colours)

Lot No. 6: 1760 pieces Men's Cotton Pants

Lot No. 7: 710 pieces Babies' Dresses  
530 pieces Cotton Blinglets (short sleeves)

1800 sets Umbrella Rods and Rings

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No. 42

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Mr. Peh Kim Pew  
Mrs. Ng Keng Fung  
Miss Tee Ling  
Mr. Chiu Tin Shan  
Mr. Lian Teck Khoon  
Mr. Loh Yoke Fu  
Mr. Koh Hor Khoon  
Mrs. B. Y. Yap and child  
Mr. Tan Hee Wong & family  
Mr. Tan Leong Chin  
Miss E. L. Phak  
Mr. C. H. Tan & family  
Mr. Wong Cheung Hon  
Mr. Lian Chee Tat

## H. K. V. D. C.

Pet. Chan Kwong Fook  
" Leo Wee Soon  
" Lau Han Ming  
" Lin Sin Lam & family

## SHANGHAI

The Rt. Rev. H. Valtorta  
Mr. J. H. Horowitz (VVKVO)  
Hongkong passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, December 1st, 1945 and Kowloon passengers will assemble at Naval Landing Base (Between Star Ferry & Kowloon Godown Wharves) at 3.15 p.m. to await Embarkation Officer.

Passengers must NOT board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation cards, which will be issued at assembly points.

The above does NOT include passengers listed by R.A.W.L.

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WORDS, WORDS,  
WORDS

"What do you read, my Lord?" inquiredquisitive Polonius, only to be snubbed by the Prince of Denmark: "Words, words, words." Shakespeare's rich verbiage makes mock of all recent attempts at devitalizing the lively English language and rendering it unrecognizable through phonetic or other forms of simplified spelling. Words are among the few consumer commodities not in short supply. They can be exported and imported duty free. Furthermore they cannot be bought for dollars or sterling, or any currency save that which jingles in the brain of lexicographer or philologist. There is no patriotic need to dehydrate the English tongue like so many fresh eggs to be crammed into a small package. No printer's devil could harm language so much as some of these "theorists" who forget that words have grown beyond the picture symbol stage of their infancy to sounds conjuring up countless different images and allusions. Were they spelled differently, even half the charm would fly.

The other day, for example, a correspondent referred to ancillary trades, summoning up a vision of trades which are hand-maids (like a Roman "aenaria") to more important industries. Trades thus described seem to trip realistically to the reader whose school Latin is less remote than his industrial knowledge. Spelled differently, ancillary would become a cliché devoid of all imagery, so would mortgage, with its mediaeval flavour of a dead pledge as well as multitudinous other words, while Mr. William Wordsworth's "little Cyclops with one eye" would be quite put out!

Such new spelling systems, on lines that have often been mooted, would also deprive us of one of the most enjoyable waves of spending a wet afternoon for what (except perhaps a cookery book) makes more than tracing reading than a dictionary? Who set a braver literary fashion than Dr. Johnson with his Lexicon? A dictionary is a magic carpet which transports the reader not only into far off crimes but far off times as well. Malacca comes and leghorn straws, port wine with brazil nuts placed on sherry tarts whisk us round the globe in ecstasy.

Then there are all the words not in the dictionary—yet, and the words which have changed in meaning and go on changing. A collaborator before the war was quite a useful friend to have. Look at him now! American slang comes across the Atlantic to enrich us with words like "pixilated" for crazy. The current Oxford Dictionary admits only "pixy-led," 1659, led astray by pixies, but perhaps it amounts to the same thing! Future editors of dictionaries should do well to consider a handful of the choicer nonsense words which have claimed a definite place in our language—words like Lewis Carroll's "brill," and Edward Lear's "run-cible." But the Oxford Dictionary has let down at least one newcomer. Under "rumble-tumble" comes the entry: "A rumbling coach, carriage or cart, 1816, derived from the Middle English 'romblon' and 'tumblen'." An angel-on-horseback by analogy might mean a King's Messenger.

The conversation also revealed that Goering personally dictated the famous telegram that Soysan sent to Hitler, asking for help, after Goering told him he need not really send the telegram. All that was necessary, Goering told him, was to agree to it and then announce it publicly.

## GOERING LAUGHS

As this bit of Nazi duplicity was read, Goering burst into laughter so that his whole body shook. The account of the aggression against Austria was finished in mid-afternoon and the remainder of the day was devoted to the film showing.

Mr. H. Leesby, for the defence, said that the goods which the Police were holding at present represented quite a different stock from the goods lost in 1942. The information which had caused the arrest of his client was entirely false.

After hearing the facts, Mr. Kwan dismissed the case, and the

Arthur Seyss-Inquart  
The Original Quisling

## TOBACCO CASE

NUERNBERG, NOV. 30.—TWENTY NAZI OVERLORDS RANGED THE GAMUT FROM TEARS AND NAUSEA TO CURT INDIFERENCE AS THE MAGGOT-RIDDEN HORRORS OF GERMAN DEATH FACTORIES LOOMED ON THE NUERNBERG COURTROOM MOVIE SCREEN FOR AN HOUR. THE FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF POLAND, HANS TRANCK, WAS SO UNNERVED BY THE HORRIBLE SPECTACLE THAT HE DID NOT LIFT HIS HEAD FOR 10 MINUTES WHILE HE SAT IN A SWEAT.

Wilhelm Keitel, former chief of the German high command, wiped his mouth with a white handkerchief and stalked quickly out.

Walther Funk, the obese former minister of economics, brushed away tears from the fleshly pockets under his eyes.

Hermann Goering was sober for the first time during the session. Rudolf Hess, more alert to his surroundings than on any occasion since the start of the war crimes trial, wiped his sweating palms.

Hjalmar Schacht, his wicked mouth drawn to a narrow line, refused to look at any of the scenes from the official American documentary film, taken at such terror spots as Dachau, Buchenwald and Belsen after their liberation last spring. He turned his back to the screen throughout and sat with his face toward the press gallery.

## SCHACHT'S CASE

His attorney, Rudolf Dix, told the Associated Press: "Mr. Schacht, since he himself was imprisoned at Dachau by the Nazi government, considers himself also to be a victim of the concentration camp system, and regardless of whatever political mistakes he made in his career he feels he was not humanly responsible for such crimes as the film shows."

Dix declined a prosecution invitation to attend a preview of the movie two nights ago on the grounds: "I am ashamed of what my fellow Germans have done and could only bring myself to see it when it is my official duty."

I think perhaps the most miserable cry of all is that of the sneering serviceman against a man who has little or no overseas service. Since he has the soldier or airman had the power of governing his own destiny. Did the grumblers stand up with proud head erect and say, "My country needs me in the Far East; I must go?" Oh no! A guy comes round and says, "Brown, you're on the next draft," and Brown says among other things, "Darn!"

I can even sympathize with the chap in Blighty. They endure an everlasting parade of gibes, and taunts of "Why aren't you abroad—my son is?"

Walt though, I know your reply to that. They're back home and you're not. But given the same chance, would you throw it aside with scorn and say, "No, it's my duty to go about ten thousand miles from home." Must go. England expects." Who are you kidding? There isn't one chap in a thousand who wouldn't jump at the chance.

High-falutin' patriotism is hardly in my line. I'm a Scot of Canadian—Scottish descent.

I live there not because I think it's the greatest country in the world but because I found satisfactory employment there. If any other country had offered better prospects I wouldn't have hesitated to leave Scotland. No, I'm not rambling. My point is that we fought in this war (speaking for the majority) because we were told to. We went to India, Burma, China because we were so ordered. And we have no "ticks" coming against the blokes back home who were also told to stay.

Demob? Oh! I reckon I'll go back some day when the Powers That Be decree. Until then, this is just another country I'm not particularly interested in.

My pseudonym is typical of my doubtful mentality.

## WHO CARES?

## BLACK SHEEP

Sir.—This letter is especially intended for the people that brand those who stayed during the Japanese occupation as traitors, rogues, etc. "Hong Kong Born" and "British-by-Birth" have already partly answered them.

We fully realize that many who left rendered invaluable services to the Allied Cause. Particularly the doctors and their helpers whose works are unsung.

But apart from them, and those who fled for fear of starvation, Japanese brutalities and American bombs, are still others who served the Allies only for their own ends, and in places far behind the lines.

Some of them now strut around Hong Kong in uniforms with pins. Yet there are thousands who have really fought and suffered.

When Assistant U.S. Prosecutor Sidney Alderman read this into the record Franz von Papen, the Nazi diplomat, burst into tears.

Undoubtedly there were black sheep who stayed behind. But there were also many who left.

## POT, POURRI

## COLLABORATION

Sir.—Nowadays, it is the custom to condemn those who collabated with the enemy in any shape or form. Yet, it is surprising to observe that much as enemy collaborators are condemned, little or no regard is paid to the part played by those collaborators when they can be of service in helping one to make money.

I refer to the cinema business. During the war of the Pacific War, the proprietors of certain theatres in Macau went out of their way to co-operate with the Japanese and exhibited, not only Japanese propaganda films, but also films looted from Allied sources and, on the strength of blocking from the Japanese Special Branch in Macau, defied the British authorities to take action for the

## TOBACCO CASE

Charlie Gray, of No. 1, Shan Kwong Road, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, with possession of two packages of "Prince Albert" tobacco without a permit of the Forces, on November 12.

Wong Yan-sun of No. 263, Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, was charged with a similar offence.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared in both cases, while Detective Sergeant Waldron was for the prosecution.

Hearing was fixed for Wednesday, December 6, at 11.30 a.m. Bail of \$6 was allowed.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. William Robert Wilkinson and Miss Beatrice Maria Soares has been announced.

## READERS' LETTERS

## A LITTLE DE-BUNKING

Sir.—The majority of your Readers' Letters bear, I find, pseudonyms utterly typical of the writers' mentalities. "Brown Knees" representing a bunch of jealous R.A.F. "Democrat" desperately anxious to show that there is at least one man who will fight for the poor.

I think perhaps the most miserable cry of all is that of the sneering serviceman against a man who has little or no overseas service. Since he has the soldier or airman had the power of governing his own destiny. Did the grumblers stand up with proud head erect and say, "My country needs me in the Far East; I must go?"

Oh no! A guy comes round and says, "Brown, you're on the next draft," and Brown

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Hong Kong, 1st December, 1945.

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NOTICE  
WATER SUPPLY

The supply of water in the Colony is limited and present consumption is high. The Public is requested to assist in conserving the supply by preventing waste and by economising in the use of water.

Leakage should be reported to Waterworks Complaints Depots which are open day and night. The telephone numbers are 39420 in Hong Kong and 50949 in Kowloon.

J. FORBES, Lt. Col.  
Water Authority

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NOTICE

The following is an extract from the Waterworks Ordinance.

"Licensing of Plumbers

Every person, except the authorized officers of the water authority, who intends to carry out for a consumer any work in connexion with the construction, alteration or repair of inside services or fire services which are to deliver water supplied from the waterworks, must first obtain a licence from the water authority."

Will all persons who intend to carry out work of the nature described above please apply for a licence at the office of the Water Authority, St. George's Building.

J. FORBES, Lt. Col.  
Water Authority

## YOUNG KING PETER LOSES CROWN

## BOMBAY TIDAL WAVE

Bombay, Nov. 30.  
The death list from drownings in the tidal wave which swept into the suburbs of Bombay during Wednesday's severe earthquake was placed at 13 to-day.

The quake's epicentre was believed to have been in the Arabian sea or Indian Ocean. (Associated Press.)

## Down The Sink

TOKYO, Nov. 30.  
JAPAN'S YEARS OF RESEARCH AND POTENTIAL FUTURE PROBING INTO THE REALM OF ATOMIC ENERGY CAME TO AN END AS AMERICAN ENGINEERS DUMPED OVER 360 TONS OF NISHINA CYCLOTRON WRECKAGE IN TO THE SEA OFF YOKO HAMA.

Two small freighters carried the broken remains of two cyclotrons and other equipment to a point where they were dropped to an undisclosed depth.

A group of American scientists condemned General MacArthur severely for ordering the scientific equipment's destruction, but a statement issued yesterday from his headquarters said the action was taken on instructions from higher authority. (Associated Press.)

## Jap General Joins Reds

Chungking, Nov. 30.  
A Chinese press dispatch quoted Gen. Ho Ying-ching, commander of the Central Government field troops, as saying yesterday that all Japanese forces in China have been disarmed except 100,000 in Hainan and Shantung provinces. He predicted repatriation of all Japanese in China would be completed within nine months.

A dispatch to Chungking said the Japanese have been disarmed in Indo-China and the task would be completed in Formosa by tomorrow.

General Ho charged that several prominent Japanese had joined the Chinese Communist forces, including General Sakai, former chief of staff of the Kwantung Army. (Associated Press.)

## INDIA SEIZES ON HURLEY OUTBURST

New Delhi, Nov. 30.  
Sharp criticism of United States foreign policy was touched off in Indian newspapers representing all shades of political opinion over the resignation of Ambassador Hurley and his sharp criticism of State Department operations.

One paper said the United States is being "sucked" into a power bloc on the side of colonial imperialism.

"There is a case for absolute non-intervention by the United States in the present civil strife in China," another paper asserted. "There is a much stronger case for effective intervention with a view to eliminating Kuomintang and Communist authoritarianism and to establish real democracy in that country." (Associated Press.)

## SAFETY OF MOTOR JUNKS ORDER

The Harbour Office have issued regulations covering the provision of life-saving and fire-fighting equipment on all motor junks.

All vessels must now have board at all times sufficient equipment to provide for the safety of passengers and crew in the event of an emergency.

Life-jackets may now be purchased through the Harbour Office at \$3 each.

Fire extinguishers and sand must be carried by mechanically-propelled vessels.

## JORDAN RD. ROBBERY

Four armed robbers entered the first floor of No. 6, Jordan Road, last night.

The premises were occupied by Au Young-leung and his niece. At about 8 o'clock, Au was out, leaving the girl alone in the house. The four men forced open the door and ransacked the house.

Two Chinese were arrested later, on suspicion that they were connected with the robbers.

## GENERAL EISENHOWER CRITICISES FRENCH

Frankfurt, Germany, Nov. 30.  
The new Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, General Dwight Eisenhower, in a report released to-day criticised the French Government for hampering the Allied Control Council, and urged an early establishment of the Central German administrative machinery. (Associated Press.)

## FIVE-FAMILY CONTROL OF HAWAII

Washington, Nov. 30.  
The Secretary of the Interior to-day indicated he would not make any early recommendation favouring statehood for Hawaii.

He declared at a news conference that he was not "necessarily" in favour of statehood, but intimated that he was "dissatisfied" over the economic control that five families exert over the state. (Associated Press.)

## Republic Set Up In Yugoslavia

LONDON, Nov. 30.  
THE 11-YEAR REIGN OF KING PETER OF YUGOSLAVIA ENDED TO-NIGHT WHEN THE YUGOSLAV CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FORMALLY PROCLAIMED A REPUBLIC. THE ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH DECIDES THE FATE OF THE FIRST OF EUROPE'S LIST OF "MONARCHS IN EXILE," WAS MADE OVER BELGRADE RADIO AFTER A JOINT SESSION OF THE YUGOSLAV ASSEMBLY AT WHICH THE "FEDERAL PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA" WAS PROCLAIMED.

THE PROCLAMATION EXPLAINED THAT THIS REPUBLIC IS A "UNIFIED PEOPLES' GOVERNMENT. IT ADDED THAT THE MONARCHY HAD BEEN "AROLED" AND THAT KING PETER, TOGETHER WITH HIS ENTIRE DYNASTY, WAS DEPRIVED OF ALL RIGHTS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN THIS HOUSE OF KARA-GEORGEVICH.

Britain, King Peter's host, will raise no objection to the decision of the Constituent Assembly.

The decision has caused no surprise in London, where it had long been expected as a result of the policy of Marshal Joseph Tito, whose government recently received an overwhelming vote of confidence at the polls.

Problem arising out of the agreement of November, 1944, which provided for a plebiscite on the question of the monarchy, could be countered by this government's argument that the recent general election, in which this question was one of the main issues, was in fact such a plebiscite.

Reuter commentator Robert Lloyd to-night wrote that the decision to depose Peter means that the new Federal Yugoslavia has cut all links with the old kingdom of Serbia and has struck the first blow for a wider federation of southern Europe which may come to include Bulgaria and stretch across the Balkans from the Adriatic to the Black Sea.

140 YEARS OF RULE

For 140 years, ever since Kara-George led the first Serb revolt against the Turks in 1804, the fate of his descendants has been closely linked with Serbian nationalism and military tradition.

Their rivalry with the Obrenovich's with whom they alternated in ruling the country, gradually developed from a tribal family feud into a constant struggle between two opposed sections in the Serb officer corps.

Decision came when the last Obrenovich was murdered in 1903 and Peter the First, grandfather of the present King, ascended the throne.

But secret military groups remained and even gained in importance as the otherwise poor and backward country proved its military prowess in the Balkan wars and in the First World War, for which the assassination of the Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand by one of these groups, the "Black Hand", furnished the occasion.

NEW YUGOSLAVIA

When the peace-makers of 1919 decided to allow the southern Slavs to unite in a single state the new Yugoslavia was built round the Serbian army and dynasty. It was hoped that the monarchy would provide an element of cohesion for the "Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes" linking the more highly developed former subjects of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy with the Roman Catholic and Greek-Orthodox Serbs on a basis of equality.

This hope was not fulfilled and in 1920 King Alexander transformed the constitution into a Serb military dictatorship, and ever since then the Croat and Slovene opposition has been a source of internal police rule.

The succession of Prince Paul as Regent for the minor Peter the Second after the assassination of King Alexander at Marseilles

is being "sucked" into a power bloc on the side of colonial imperialism.

"There is a case for absolute

non-intervention by the United States in the present civil strife in China," another paper asserted. "There is a much stronger case for effective intervention with a view to eliminating Kuomintang and Communist authoritarianism and to establish real democracy in that country." (Associated Press.)

## 98 COMMUNISTS IN BULGARIAN LIST

Sofia, Nov. 30.  
The Bulgarian National Assembly elected on Nov. 18 is likely to be summoned to its first meeting on Dec. 15, according to a statement made to-day by the Foreign Minister, M. Staynov at Plovdiv.

As there was only one list of candidates at the elections, of the Fatherland Front, composition of the Assembly will be identical with that of the official list.

According to the last pre-election announcement these lists contained 98 Communists, 90 Fatherland Front wing of the Agrarians, 46 from the party which developed from the military league led by Premier Georgiev, 31 from the Fatherland Front wing of the Social-Democrats and members of the small Radical Party.

"Asal" said the speech confirmed the general belief that the Shidehara Cabinet is only transitory and lacks the force to carry out political moves.

The newspaper said the speech merely recapitulated the country's troubles when the people

wanted to hear of some concrete plan for solving them.

"Mafinch" demanded that the Cabinet resign unless "it really desires to work for the country, regardless of interests of the controlling group to which it belongs." (Associated Press.)

MORGENTHAU TO SLIP OUT OF INFLUENCE?

Washington, Nov. 30.  
Drastic revision of American policy in Germany is expected by diplomatic officials to result from the report to President Truman of the potential failure of the present administration in Germany, submitted by Byron Price, director of the wartime office of censorship.

Such revisions might eliminate to a great extent the remaining influence of former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. over policies in German occupation. (Associated Press.)

SHANGHAI SIKHS SAIL FOR HOME

Shanghai, Nov. 30.  
More than 600 Shanghai Indians, primarily Sikhs who were employed as Municipal police and guards, sailed for Madras Thursday aboard the first India-bound repatriation ship, the steamer "Dunera."

Two hundred more, ill of malnutrition, will leave in 10 days aboard a hospital ship. Some 400 others who have asked for repatriation will be sent home next

## India's Roll

LONDON, Nov. 30.  
INDIAN war casualties reported up to August 14, 1945, were 179,036, according to Prime Minister Attlee in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question.

Total Empire casualties were 1,246,025. (Associated Press.)

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## Race Owners Get Shock

Baltimore, Nov. 30. Owners and trainers of five racing stables were banned yesterday by the Maryland state racing commission pending hearing on charges that five horses were stimulated at Pimlico track. The action is believed to be the most drastic taken against a group of race horse owners in United States turf history.—Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 30. The Senate rejected 41 to 18 the initial attempt to tighten the rules for United States participation in the United Nations Organization. It voted down an amendment by Senator Taft, Ohio Republican.—Associated Press.

"The Tribune" says that Persia, one of the poorest countries in the world, was to-day in a state bordering on economic anarchy and adds:

"What that country needs is not complete non-intervention by the Big Three which, in the prevailing set up, might easily lead to civil war."

"On the contrary, Persia

needs genuine intervention in the case of economic aid and an agreement by the Powers concerned to help Persia to establish a genuine democratic government in their country, perhaps with the aid of expert economic and governmental advisers."—Reuter.

## Dr. Sharir Hopes To Calm Indonesians

(By Noel Buckley, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

BATAVIA, NOV. 30. THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE ARE AT PRESENT IN NO MOOD TO ACCEPT DOMINION STATUS. THE INDONESIAN PRIME MINISTER, DR. SHARIR, TOLD ME TO-DAY.

THE 37-YEAR OLD LAWYER, EDUCATED AT LEYDEN UNIVERSITY IN HOLLAND, SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND THE INDONESIAN REPUBLIC ON THE LINES OF THAT EXISTING BETWEEN BRITAIN AND EIRE, WHEN THE PREMIER RECEIVED ME IN THE BIG WAITING-ROOM OF THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT.

The Premier said: "Dutch recognition of our right to complete self-government would be a basis for the re-opening of negotiations, but just now the word 'dominion' is most unpopular among the people."

Dr. Sharir, a small slight man with a smooth boyish face, but hollows under his eyes, betrayed the strain of the recent Nationalist Convention, where he won the support of the majority of the members present. He often raised his hand to his forehead.

He predicted a gradual cessation of hostilities throughout Java, with complete calm in a few weeks from now.

CALM BEFORE ALL

"I have been in contact with the local leaders and they support my viewpoint and are in a position even now to induce the young men to give up fighting."

"I realise that calm must come before everything, but people are excited now and they suspect the British because of the recent statements of Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister, that the British had a moral obligation to restore Dutch rule. When the British make a move people think they are doing it to assist the Dutch," he said.

Dr. Sharir himself hopes to undertake a tour of the disturbed areas as soon as possible, but, at present, he has much work in Batavia and the difficulties of movement inland are considerable while hostilities continue.

IT WAS DISCLOSED OFFICIALLY THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN REPLY TO IRAN'S PROTEST THAT ITS MILITARY FORCES WERE BEING IMPEDED BY RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES.

The contents of the Soviet note were kept secret, but best informed sources described the note as unsatisfactory.

There is no indication here of Russian reaction to notes in which the United States suggested withdrawal of all foreign troops from Iran and Britain urged strict adherence to the tripartite agreement of non-intervention in Iranian affairs.

Dr. Sharir made it clear that he appreciates the Dutch determination not to surrender their interests in Java, but he considered their claim to political control unjustified.

"If the word 'dominion' is used, 90 per cent of the people will reject it," he said. "When calm comes, I think the people will be in a better mood to discuss relations with the Dutch and the British."

The disturbances accounted for the absence of nearly 50 per cent of the members from the recent Convention, he thought. "Many of them have written resigning from their support."

DUE TO TENSION

Discussing the disturbances Dr. Sharir said: "I think the British are too ready to fight." Though the extremists were not

## U.S. FOOTBALL

College Station, Texas, Nov. 30. The University of Texas to-day accepted an invitation to be the host team in the annual Cotton bowl football game on New Year's day, and it was reported officially that Missouri would be the visiting eleven. The Texas selection followed the Longhorns' 20 to 10 victory over Texas A & M. for the Southwest conference championship. Associated Press.

## 60,000 JAPS AT WORK

Manila, Nov. 30. The American base commander here reported to-day 60,000 Japanese prisoners now being used to clear up Manila's widespread war wreckage, much of which was caused by Japanese demolition. Associated Press.

## TEHERAN ALARM SOMEWHAT EASED

## LAST OF MOHICANS

Honolulu, Nov. 30. A report received here yesterday said more than 100 Japanese on long-conquered Saipan are expected to surrender formally Saturday. Organized resistance on Saipan ended in July, 1944, but remnants of the Japanese force have continued on the island.—Associated Press.

## Spare Me, Says The Judge

BRISTOL, NOV. 30. CHARLES LOUIS PLAGEMAN—"A BLACK MAN FROM TOBAGO" MR. JUSTICE CHARLES CALLED HIM—DENIED AT BRISTOL ASSIZES TO-DAY THAT HE WALKED ABOUT THE FACTORY SINGING HYMNS AND SENTIMENTAL SONGS.

He just hummed, he said. And he told the judge "If I were working here, Staff Officers call and see me frequently, and our relations are excellent."

"Don't do it, please," said Mr. Justice Charles.

Plageman, aged 63, of Cottrell Road, Eastville, Bristol, lost a claim for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal. It was stated that Plageman formerly owned the Valley Engineering Company Bristol, but entered into an agreement that a company should purchase it for £28,000 and employ him as works manager at £12 10s. a week.

Plageman, it was said, had attended the factory for only four hours daily and was absent for months at a time. In a letter read in court it was alleged his singing had caused "dissatisfaction to the factory and embarrassment to the work people."

Plageman's counsel said, "My client was trying to make up the deficiency of the B.B.C.'s 'Music While You Work'." Reuter.

## DAYS BEFORE PEARL HARBOUR

WASHINGTON, NOV. 30. MAJ.-GEN. SHERMAN MILES TOLD CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS YESTERDAY THAT THE ARMY DID NOT LET OVERSEAS COMMANDERS KNOW ABOUT PRE-WAR JAPANESE MESSAGES BEING INTERCEPTED AS A RESULT OF CRACKING JAPANESE CODES.

HE TESTIFIED THAT THE SECRET THAT THE ARMY AND NAVY WERE READING JAPANESE MESSAGES WAS SO HIGHLY PRIZED IN THE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE PEARL HARBOUR ATTACK THAT IT WAS THE DISTINCT POLICY TO CONFINE THESE MESSAGES TO A VERY FEW TOP OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

## TOMORROW'S SOFTBALL

(By "Onlooker") Good softball fare should be seen to-morrow at the Recreation ground, King's Park. In aid of the C-in-C's Relief Fund. Admission will be \$1.00.

At 9.30 a.m. sharp, U.S.S. "Prometheus," unbent, in Hong Kong, will clash with an All Star Colony team. Following this game, the local Softball beauties will play, when Wildcats, Champions in the Girls' Division in 1949, will cross-bats with the Rest of the Colony.

U.S.S. Prometheus need no introduction. Their team has been the Softball talk of the town. In their latest game last Tuesday they blanked out U.S.S. Kenneth Whiting 13-0.—"Flat-Top" Panczer allowing just one hit. Both sides being an express hurler Flat-Top is no crippler at the bat, being second only to Johnson in the Prometheus batting averages.

Panczer and St. John (Captain) will to-morrow form the formidable battery with Henry on first, Thomson at second, Macelzig at third, Latekwi shortstop, Pa

trailing the out-field Blum, Haithorn, Glabrott and Colson. Playing for the All Star team will be new arrivals from Macao as yet unseen on the field this season. They include "Coffee" Baker, Barney Abbas, Cyclone first baseman, and "Jindo" Hussain. Add to these David "Bambino" Leonard, Wally Ching, the Gosano brothers—Gerry, Bertie, Leno and Doc—and it's sure the strongest team the Colony can put up.

The two-week-old Pearl Harbour disaster hearing turned toward the military side to-day despite Republican protests against dropping the State Department angles "without notice."

## ALL LINED-UP

Senator Ferguson, Michigan Republican, told reporters he had been planning a line of questioning for Max Hamilton, chief of the State Department's Far Eastern division at the time of the Japanese attack.

Counsel for the Senate-House Committee announced yesterday that after brief testimony by former Secretary of State Hull and the windup appearance of former Ambassador Joseph Grew, the witnesses would be Maj.-Gen. Sherman Miles and Vice-Admiral Theodore S. Wilkinson. They were the chiefs of Army and Navy Intelligence at the time of the Pearl Harbour attack.

Ferguson agreed with other Committee members that General Marshall should be heard before he leaves for China. Chairman Barkley said the Committee was in touch with Marshall and "in case he is just on the verge of leaving, we could call him right away."

BE ON ALERT

A document entered in the records of the committee showed Marshall's last minute warning to the Hawaiian commander delivered after the attack—said "7th—Japanese are presenting a 1 p.m. eastern standard time today. Also they are under orders to destroy their code machine immediately. Just what significance the hour set may have we do not know but be on alert accordingly. Inform naval authorities of this communication."

A previous investigation by the Army showed Marshall had telephoned General MacArthur a warning in the Philippines. Another entry showed the Navy sent a message to Asiatic Fleet commanders and others on Nov. 20, 1941, saying chances for a favorable outcome to negotiations with Japan were very doubtful and warned of the possibility of an aggressive movement in any direction, including the Philippines.

## RADIO

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 1945. TELEGRAPHIST QUIGGENDON AT THE TEL-NO.—FROM THE STUDIO.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Artie Shaw & His Band with the Andrew Sisters.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Romance and Rhythm.

1.25 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

3.30 p.m.—Tfolk Music of All Nations.

4.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

4.10 p.m.—Studio—Telegraph Quick-End by Telegraphist Millington.

4.30 p.m.—"Molony Lure" on ENRA.

4.45 p.m.—Oscar & Raymo do.

5.00 p.m.—"Noel Coward Bazaar".

5.30 p.m.—"Music for Dancing".

6.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

6.30 p.m.—"Service Music Hall".

6.45 p.m.—Alfred Campbell & His Orchestra with Alfred Piccaver (Tenor).

7.00 p.m.—Military Band Music.

10.00 p.m.—Companions of Saint James.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.